

**Minutes
Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting**

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Monday, **March 18, 2019** at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas. The following CCIDC Members were present:

President	-	Bruce Tesch
Vice President	-	Andy Nunmaker(Absent)
Treasurer	-	Ryan Thomas
Secretary	-	Joel Usher (Absent)
Board Member	-	Larry Solansky
Board Member	-	Chuck Hall
Board Member	-	Dwain Dungen
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Dinah Jacobs

1. Call to Order.

President Bruce Tesch called the CCIDC meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by President Bruce Tesch.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of Invoices.
- b) Approval of February 2019 Financial Statements.
- c) Approval of regular meeting minutes for February 18, 2019.

Ryan Thomas made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dwain Dungen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Solansky, Hall, Thomas, Dungen, and Tesch
Absent: Nunmaker and Usher

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.

There were no Citizen presentations or comments.

5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report on sales tax, stating sales tax was up slightly compared to this time period last year. Sales tax portion for CCIDC was \$36,817 compared to \$36,487 the same time last year. The County, City of Weimar, and the City of Eagle Lake all saw increases as well.

6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding Acornseekers.

Nothing has been received from Acornseekers as of this time.

There was no action on this item.

7. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding any prospective companies interested in land at the Crossroads Business Park.

Tesch stated he had not heard of any interested parties, only the ones discussed the previous month, but there were no responses from them to report.

8. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 consultations with attorney, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property and Section 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development.

This item was not needed.

9. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if any, regarding Executive Session, deliberations regarding real property and economic development.

This item was not needed.

10. Discussion of items to be placed on future agendas and announcements.²

President Tesch asked Billy Kahn of the Chamber of Commerce to report on the Chamber Casino Fundraiser. It was a success, with more than 350 in attendance, up from the 250 attendance last year. There were more gaming tables and everyone seemed to have fun. Billy indicated they raised more than last year, even though it was less than his expectations for this year. Billy also reported that Magnolia Days Festival is the next project coming up in May.

Kahn then asked President Tesch if he could address some of his thoughts, even though he had declined earlier. Tesch and the Board agreed.

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Billy Kahn of the Chamber stated it is an exciting time for him in Columbus from his perspective, and he was inspired by Ryan Thomas' comments at last month's meeting. Kahn went on to say it is a really good time in Columbus for economic development. He has been attending meetings for the past two years, and he feels the CCIDC Board does a good job with the Industrial Park and grant inquiries on somewhat of, for lack of better terms, a passive basis. He doesn't want that comment to be seen as criticism, but he went on to say that he thinks it is time, not knowing the full history, for an Economic Director. Times have changed since there was an economic director that must have previously not worked out. This may not be CCIDC's decision, it may be City Council.

Kahn spoke about the new Hatari Wildlife Park that is being built between Columbus and Weimar. It will bring so much to Columbus with people spending dollars at gas stations, hotels, restaurants, or shops.

Kahn also reported that he had attended a workshop in Bastrop on how to be a film friendly town. There has to be a film liaison, with that person filling the film festival database with information and pictures of the community and what it has to offer. Having a film crew here even for just a week, would be a huge impact on the economy. There are so many things we can do and he knows the time is right.

Kahn has also looked into a Designated Main Street Program. He feels it is time to revisit this program. This would help with reviving the Historic Districts, but would also require a Main Street Director to be on the payroll.

President Tesch thanked Kahn for his information and comments.

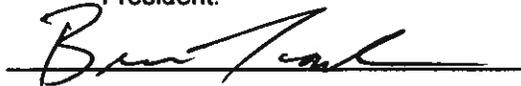
Larry Solansky asked Charles Glueck if he wished to speak. He and his wife declined at this time.

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There were no other comments or suggestions of items for the next agenda.

11. Adjournment.

Bruce Tesch adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

President:


Attest
Secretary:
